

NUTRITION SERVICES DIVISION MANAGEMENT BULLETIN		No. 02-122
TO:	School Nutrition Program Sponsors	ISSUE DATE: September 2002
ATTENTION:	Food Service Director	
SUBJECT:	Adults Participating in the National School Lunch Program	
REFERENCE:	School Programs Policy Memo 02-10; Food and Nutrition Service Instruction 776-7; Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations (7 CFR), Part 210.2	

This Management Bulletin provides the eligibility criteria for adults to participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and clarifies when adults in the Even Start Literacy Program (Even Start) are eligible to participate in the NSLP.

Federal regulations and guidance stipulate that adults are eligible to participate in the NSLP and their meals may be reimbursed if:

1. The adults are enrolled in a General Education Development (GED) program that meets in the school during the school day; or
2. The adults are enrolled in a school up to grade twelve.

In the latter case, the school district includes the adult students in its total student enrollment for funding and other purposes.

Even Start involves a variety of adult activities often requiring adults to accompany their children to school, participate in their children's curricula, or attend English as a Second Language, parenting, and other "life" skills classes. The key factor in determining eligibility for adults to participate in the NSLP is whether the adults are enrolled during daytime school or GED classes, not whether the adults participate in Even Start.

If you have any questions, please contact your nutrition services representative, the Field Services Unit at (916) 445-0850 or (800) 952-5609, or Christine Kavooras at (916) 322-3609 or ckavoora@cde.ca.gov.

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